

(4) Coordinating with other public and private organizations and programs that provide assistance in the rehabilitation of historic properties (Stipulation I, D, of the PMOA, FmHA Instruction 2000–FF, available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 office).

(5) Paragraphs (d) (1), (2), and (3) of this section may be accomplished by adoption of exhibit F–2 of this subpart (available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 office), or another process supplying similar information acceptable to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354.

(e) The applicant must submit evidence of SHPO concurrence in the proposal, or in the event of nonconcurrence, a copy of SHPO’s comments together with evidence that the applicant has sought the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation’s advice as to how the disagreement might be resolved, and a copy of any advice provided by the Council.

(f) The applicant must submit written statements and related correspondence reflecting compliance with § 1944.674 (a) and (c) of this subpart regarding consultation with local government leaders in the preparation of its program and the consultation with local and state government pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 12372.

(g) The applicant is to make its statement of activities available to the public for comment prior to submission to FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 pursuant to § 1944.674(b) of this subpart. The application must contain a description of how the comments (if any were received) were addressed.

(h) The applicant must submit an original and one copy of Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 400–1, “Equal Opportunity Agreement,” and Form FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 400–4, “Assurance Agreement,” in accordance with § 1944.674(c) of this subpart.

§ 1944.677 [Reserved]

§ 1944.678 Preapplication submission deadline.

Dates governing the invitation and review of HPG preapplications will be published annually in the FEDERAL REGISTER and may be obtained from FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 offices processing HPG preapplications. Preapplications received after the date specified in the FEDERAL REGISTER will not be considered for funding in that fiscal year and will be returned.

§ 1944.679 Project selection criteria.

(a) Applicants must meet all of the following threshold criteria:

(1) Provide a financially feasible program of housing preservation assistance. *Financially feasible* is defined as proposed assistance which will be affordable to the intended recipient or result in affordable housing for very low- and low-income persons;

(2) Serve eligible rural areas with a concentration of substandard housing for households with very low- and low-income;

(3) Be an eligible applicant entity as defined in § 1944.658 of this subpart;

(4) Meet the requirements of consultation and public comment in accordance with § 1944.674 of this subpart; and

(5) Submit a complete preapplication as outlined in § 1944.676 of this subpart.

(b) For applicants meeting all of the requirements listed in paragraph (a) of this section, FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103–354 will use the weighted criteria in this paragraph (b) in the selection of grant recipients. Each preapplication and its accompanying statement of activities will be evaluated and, based solely on the information contained in the preapplication, the applicant’s proposal will be numerically rated on each criteria within the range provided. The highest ranking applicant(s) will be selected based on allocation of funds available to the State. Exhibit D of this subpart (available in any FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law